

I do not support RM-10352 because there is no real reason to partition 160 meters. The 160 meter Gentlemens Agreement is working as it has for so many years and the various modes can coexist with no problems.

160 meters was the first ham band (600 meters) and is the last of its kind, an open sort of mysterious band which supports various modes and has little restrictions short of the top and bottom band edges. A ham with HF privileges is welcome anywhere in the band.

It is not clear to me or others why it is so important to chop up the band to make 'exclusive' or private segments for a band where there is room for everyone. While I don't participate in CW contests on 160 meters, I like cw and I respect the contests and feel no anger towards them when the lower half of 160 is full of signals. Actually it sounds nice and I'm glad to see all the activity on a band thats usually pretty quiet. In the absence of a cw contest, the low end of 160 is pretty quiet with only a few cw stations. It seems a poor use of spectrum to reserve a large portion of 160 exclusively for a small amount of cw. Now I like cw and respect it very much and cw certainly belongs on 160, but I just don't think it makes sense to give it special priviliges at the expense of the other modes.

160 meters has been a unique unstructured band for all these years and it would be a shame to change that for no good reason. It should be left alone in its pristine condition. Thank you.

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